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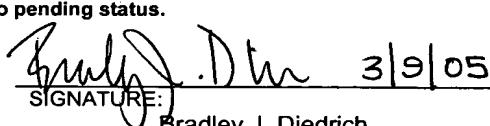
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 209593-96389
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP03/09837	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 04 September 2003	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) n/a
TITLE OF INVENTION HIGHLY TIGHT CONNECTION DEVICE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Stefan Welle		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
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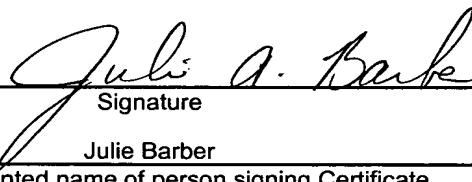
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